

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 98-9-28**

Date Prepared: September 24, 1998

For Work Week Commencing: September 28, 1998

Business Meeting: September 28, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. Havre Pipeline Docket D98.6.127 – Placeholder to deal with MCC motion and perhaps other matters if staff is ready (9/28/98)
2. Electricity Suppliers License Applications Dockets N98.9.197, N98.9.198, N98.9.208, N98.9.210 – Discuss/act on license applications (9/28/98)
3. L98.4.2 T-Com rules – Staff introduction to suggested charges to t-com service standard rules and other t-com rules (9/28/98)
4. USWC Docket D96.7.121 – ISDN – To make final recommendation, including possible "Fresh Look" alternatives, and discuss possible action (9/28/98)

5. USWC Docket D98.4.86 – USWC's intraLATA dialing parity plan – Discuss draft order and related issues (9/28/98)
6. PSC Docket N98.9.203 – Telecommunications Conference – Discuss issuing the draft (attached) notice (9/28/98)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS CO. – Docket N98.9.201 (Nina)

On September 9, 1998, Sprint Communications Co. filed tariff pages reflecting minor text changes to spring Sense Operator Service FONCARD. This was a notice item on Agenda #98-9-14. Staff recommends approval.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N98.9.206 (Tina)

On September 11, 1998, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 98-40 to introduce Business Continuous Routing as an alternative disaster recovery option.

2. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N98.9.205 (Nina)

On September 11, 1998, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 98-41, to introduce a business promotion entitled "Get Your Business on the Internet Promotion". This promotion offers (1) \$25.00 off the nonrecurring charge when subscribing to an additional flat business line or an additional Rate Stabilized Centrex 21 analog line; (2) waiver of the nonrecurring charge and waiver of 1 month recurring rate when subscribing to the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) Address Listing or E-Mail Address Listing; and (3) \$10.00 credit when subscribing to Volume Calling Connection or Business Daytime Connection Plus. The promotional period is Sept. 28, 1998 through Nov. 6, 1998.

3. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - N98.9.207 (Kate)

On September 11, 1998, US West filed to revise its rate stability plans for Digital Switched Services and Primary Rate Interface ISDN in order to offer optional 3- and 5-year contract arrangements in addition to the existing 3- to 10-year plan.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-10-5**

US West Communications – N98.9.205 (Nina)

US West Communications – N98.9.206 (Tina)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N98.9.203 – PSC – Telecommunications Conference

D98.9.204 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Gas Tracker

N98.9.205 – USWC – 98-41 Tariff Filing "Internet Promo"

N98.9.206 – USWC – 98-40 Tariff Filing "Business Continuous Route Promo"

N98.9.207 – USWC – 98-39 Tariff Filing re: Exchange & Network update

- N98.9.208 – Illinova Energy Partners – App for final Electricity Suppliers License
- N98.9.209 – Enron Power Marketing Inc – App for Electricity Suppliers License
- N98.9.210 – Commercial Energy of Mt Inc – App for Elec Suppliers License
- D98.9.211 – Cenex Harvest States Corp – Tariff Filings
- N98.9.212 – PSC – Access Charges
- D98.9.213 – Great Falls Gas Co – GFG & West Yellowstone Gas Tracker
- N98.9.214 – Granite Peak Energy – App for Electricity Suppliers License